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By: **Delegate Eckardt**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Dorchester County - Dorchester County Historical**  
3 **Society**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$225,000,  
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Dorchester  
6 County Historical Society, Inc. for certain development or improvement  
7 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a  
8 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and  
9 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Dorchester  
14 County - Dorchester County Historical Society Loan of 2004 in a total principal  
15 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$225,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund  
16 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the  
17 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a  
18 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance  
19 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and  
20 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
22 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
23 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Dorchester  
30 County Historical Society, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for  
31 the planning, design, construction, site preparation, landscaping, and capital

1 equipping of a new museum building to consolidate several historical collections at  
2 one location and to provide for the preservation of additional historic information and  
3 artifacts, located in Cambridge.

4 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in  
5 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and  
6 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years  
7 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

8 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
9 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
10 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
11 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
12 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or funds expended  
13 prior to the effective date of this Act. The fund may consist of in kind contributions. In  
14 case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets  
15 may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter  
16 and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2006, to present  
17 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be  
18 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
19 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
20 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided  
21 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund  
22 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 June 1, 2004.